

FEBRUARY 12, 1835.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McKINLEY, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To establish branches of the Mint of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 three branches of the Mint of the United States be, and the
4 same are hereby, established: one at New Orleans, one at
5 New York, and one at such place as the Secretary of the
6 Treasury may direct, within, or convenient to, the gold region
7 of the United States ; and that said branch Mints and their
8 officers, respectively, shall, in all things, be governed and re-
9 gulated by the laws, civil and penal, governing and applica-
10 ble to the present Mint of the United States and its officers,
11 except so far as may be otherwise directed by this act.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the branch of*
2 said Mint to be located within or near the gold region shall
3 coin gold only ; and every piece which shall be coined thereat
4 shall be plainly and distinctly marked with the letters G M ;
5 and all pieces, whether of gold, silver, or copper, which shall
6 be coined at the branch Mint at New Orleans, shall be plainly

7 and distinctly marked with the letters S M ; and all pieces, whe-
 8 ther of gold, silver, or copper, which shall be coined at the branch
 9 Mint at New York, shall be plainly and distinctly marked with
 10 the letters N M ; and all pieces, whether of gold, silver, or cop-
 11 per, which shall hereafter be coined at the principal Mint at
 12 Philadelphia, shall be plainly and distinctly marked with the
 13 letters C M ; and the dies for said principal and branch Mints
 14 shall be prepared accordingly.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* 'That, from every mass
 2 of standard gold or silver which shall be made into coins at
 3 either of said branches of the Mint, there shall be taken and
 4 set apart by the treasurer thereof, and reserved in his cus-
 5 tody, a certain number of pieces, not less than three ; and the
 6 pieces so set apart and reserved, shall by him be forwarded
 7 to the principal Mint at Philadelphia, which pieces shall be
 8 assayed at said principal Mint, in every respect, as pieces
 9 coined at said principal Mint are by law directed to be as-
 10 sayed. And it shall be the duty of the Director of the prin-
 11 cipal Mint to report to the Secretary of the Treasury the ex-
 12 act result of every such assay.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* 'That there shall be
 2 appointed for each of said branches of the Mint a director,
 3 an assayer, a chief coiner, an engraver, a treasurer, and a
 4 melter and refiner ; and there shall be allowed and paid, as
 5 compensation for their respective services, the following yearly

6 salaries, to wit: at New Orleans, to the director, three thou-
 7 sand five hundred dollars; to the assayer,^o two thousand five
 8 hundred dollars; to the chief coiner, two thousand five hun-
 9 dred dollars; to the engraver, two thousand two hundred dol-
 10 lars; to the treasurer, two thousand two hundred dollars; to
 11 the melter and refiner, two thousand five hundred dollars: at
 12 the branch Mint for the gold region, to the director, two thou-
 13 sand five hundred dollars; to the assayer, two thousand dol-
 14 lars; to the chief coiner, two thousand dollars; to the en-
 15 graver, one thousand eight hundred dollars; to the treasurer,
 16 one thousand eight hundred dollars; to the melter and refiner,
 17 two thousand dollars: at New York, to the director, three
 18 thousand dollars; to the assayer, two thousand two hundred
 19 and fifty dollars; to the chief coiner, two thousand two hun-
 20 dred and fifty dollars; to the engraver, two thousand dollars;
 21 to the treasurer, two thousand dollars; to the melter and re-
 22 finer, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; and at
 23 Philadelphia, in lieu of their present salaries, to the director,
 24 three thousand dollars; to the assayer, two thousand two hun-
 25 dred and fifty dollars; to the chief coiner, two thousand two
 26 hundred and fifty dollars; to the engraver, two thousand dol-
 27 lars; to the treasurer, two thousand dollars; to the melter
 28 and refiner, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be
 2 erected, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury,

3 a plain, substantial building, of suitable dimensions, for the con-
4 venient operation of each of said branches of the Mint ; and
5 for that purpose, and for the purchase of suitable sites for
6 each of said buildings and the necessary machinery, for each
7 of said branch Mints, the sum of one hundred and forty thou-
8 sand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any
9 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as said
2 buildings are completed, and the necessary machinery pur-
3 chased, said branch Mints shall go into operation under the
4 direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.